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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (canceled)

17 (new) A securable writing apparatus operable for attachment to a multi-ring notebook binder, said securable writing apparatus comprising;

a body portion of the securable writing apparatus;

a first attachment member connected to said securable writing apparatus,
said first attachment member including at least one aperture;

a second attachment member connected to said securable writing
apparatus, said second attachment member including at least one aperture,
wherein said first and second attachment members being operable to
attach to a multi-ring notebook binder with said first attachment member
being releasably connected to one of the rings of a multi-ring binder and
the second attachment member being releasably connected to another one
of the rings of a multi-ring binder; wherein

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each of said first and second attachment members further comprises a ring with an aperture there through and a tangential portion of said ring being attached to said securable writing apparatus; and

each of said first and second ring attach members comprises a generally C-shaped shell member having an open window and an arcuate telescoping member carried by said C-shaped member, said arcuate telescoping member being biased into a closed position, but operable to be slid against said bias into an open position, such that said arcuate telescoping member normally closes the open window in said C-shaped member.

18 (new) A securable writing apparatus operable for attachment to a multi-ring notebook binder, said securable writing apparatus comprising;

a body portion of the securable writing apparatus;

a first attachment member connected to said securable writing apparatus, said first attachment member including at least one aperture;

a second attachment member connected to said securable writing apparatus, said second attachment member including at least one aperture,

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wherein said first and second attachment members being operable to attach to a multi-ring notebook binder with said first attachment member being releasably connected to one of the rings of a multi-ring binder and the second attachment member being releasably connected to another one of the rings of a multi-ring binder; wherein

each of said first and second attachment members further comprises a ring with an aperture there through and a tangential portion of said ring being attached to said securable writing apparatus; and

said first and second ring attachment members comprise a C-shaped member with flexible arms that essentially touch to create an enclosed ring and being operable to receive insertion of a ring of a binder into the ring through the flexible arms of said C-shaped member.

19 (new) A method for securing a writing apparatus with respect to a multi-ring notebook binder wherein said method comprises the steps of:

fashioning a first securement attachment having an aperture onto a first portion of a writing apparatus;

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fashioning a second securement attachment having an aperture onto a second portion of the writing apparatus;

engaging a first ring of a multi-ring notebook with the aperture of the first securement attachment; and

engaging a second ring of a multi-ring notebook with the aperture of the second securement attachment; wherein

said steps of fashioning comprises manufacturing the writing apparatus with said first securement attachment and said second securement attachment being an integral part of the writing apparatus.

20 (new) A method for securing a writing apparatus with respect to a multi-ring notebook binder wherein said method comprises the steps of:

fashioning a first securement attachment having an aperture onto a first portion of a writing apparatus;

fashioning a second securement attachment having an aperture onto a second portion of the writing apparatus;

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engaging a first ring of a multi-ring notebook with the aperture of the first securement attachment; and

engaging a second ring of a multi-ring notebook with the aperture of the second securement attachment; wherein

said steps of engaging comprises attaching a first securement attachment with a first ring of a multi-ring notebook;

telescoping one end of a writing apparatus into the first securement attachment attached to the first ring of the multi-ring notebook; and

clipping the second securement attachment onto the second ring of the multi-ring notebook.

21 (new) A method for securing a writing apparatus with respect to a multi-ring notebook binder wherein said method comprises the steps of:

fashioning a first securement attachment having an aperture onto a first portion of a writing apparatus;

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fashioning a second securement attachment having an aperture onto a second portion of the writing apparatus;

engaging a first ring of a multi-ring notebook with the aperture of the first securement attachment; and

engaging a second ring of a multi-ring notebook with the aperture of the second securement attachment; wherein

said steps of engaging comprise the first ring and the second ring engaging separate lateral locations along a spiral ring notebook.